

FIG. 1a
(PRIOR ART)

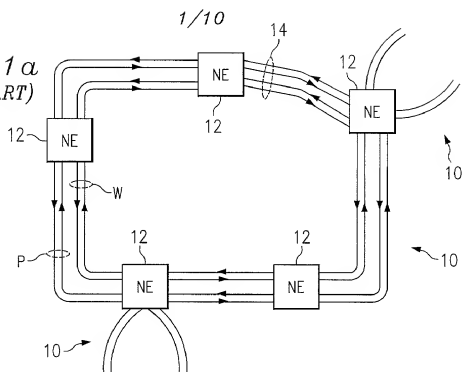


FIG. 1b
(PRIOR ART)

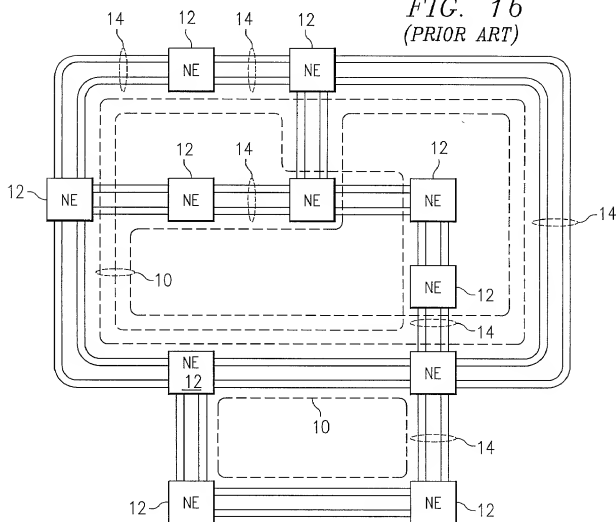


Diagram 2b shows a closed-loop system with four NE blocks (12a, 12b, 12c, 12d) and a crossed-out connection 18cd. The system includes various signal lines: 16ab, 16bc, 16cd, 16de, 16ea, 18ab, 18bc, 18cd, 18de, and 18ea. A large 'X' is drawn over the connection 18cd.

FIG. 5

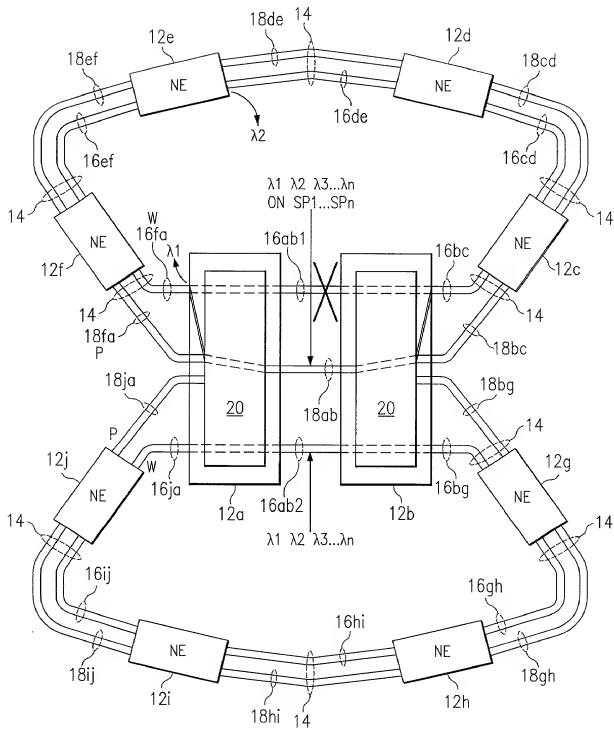


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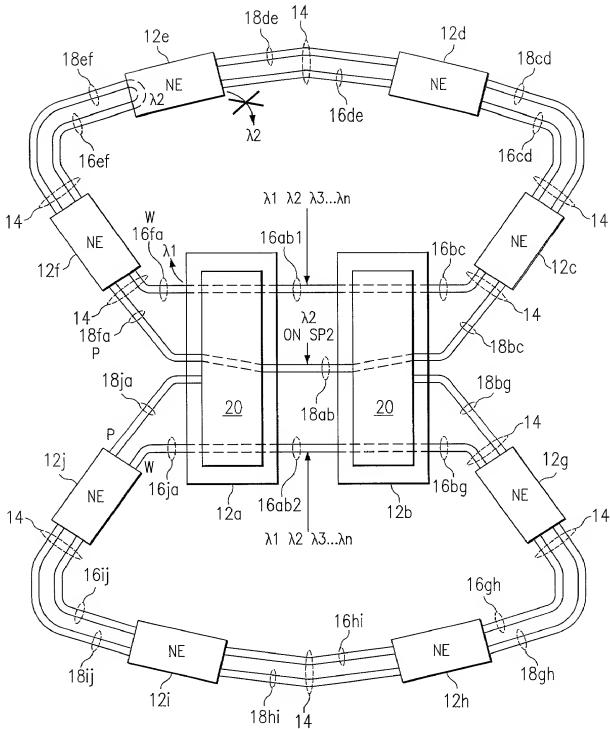


FIG. 8

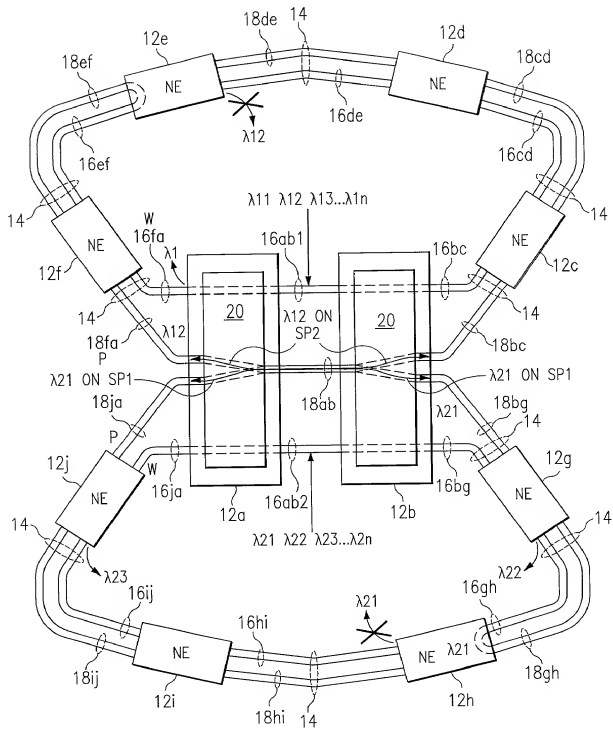


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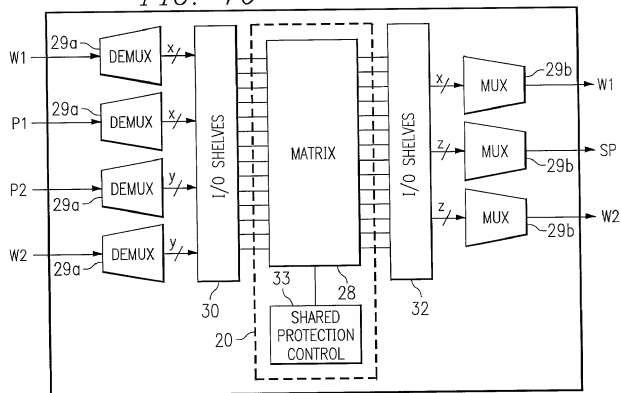
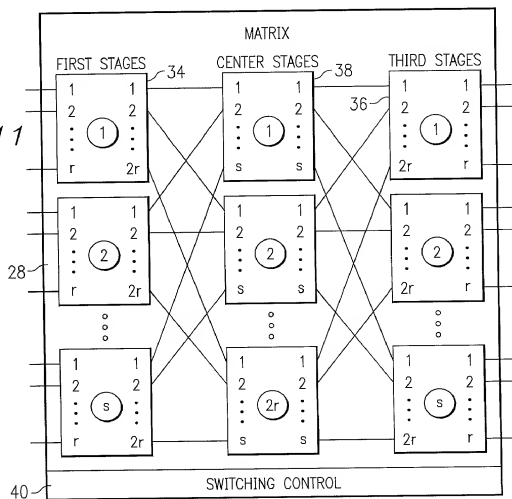


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FIG. 12

